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INTELLIGENCE PRODUCERS COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Deputy Director for Intelligence .

FROM:

R. E. Hineman

Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

SUBJECT:

IPC Membership and Structure

- 1. Action Requested: None. This memorandum provides information for your use in discussions with the Secretary of Defense, who I understand may in the near future raise the question of Intelligence Producers Council membership and structure.
- 2. Background: The Intelligence Producers Council was established in March 1982 as a formal body to replace the Interagency Working Group on Intelligence Production. The principal purpose of the IPC is to provide a forum in which senior intelligence production managers can address overall Community production matters, and provide you and the Intelligence Community Staff with advice on a variety of issues from the producers' point of view. A second purpose is to exchange information on research planning, training, priorities, and so forth, so as to better jointly understand the activities of the major producers of intelligence. It is not our intent to attempt to collectively manage specific production programs, or to make resource decisions. Our function is consultative, not managerial.
- 3. Membership: The members of the IPC are: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA; Vice Director for Foreign Intelligence, DIA; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Assessments and Research, INR/State; Assistant Deputy Director for Operations, NSA; and Director, Program and Budget Coordination, IC Staff as an observer. It is my understanding that some elements of the Department of Defense believe the military services should also be represented. While it is ultimately up to the Secretary of Defense to say whether or not DIA can appropriately represent them, it is my opinion that considering the level of generality which the IPC normally addresses our membership is proper. Adding the services would change our focus and inevitably cause us to deal with more detail than is our intent. A single senior intelligence production manager representing all of the defense intelligence establishment is best for our purpose.
- 4. Structure: The IPC reports to you through the DDI. This approach was taken so that the producers' point of view will predominate in our deliberations. All the IPC members agree that, considering our active participation, there is no danger that a single agency will unduly influence IPC findings. It has been suggested by others that a more

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credible community flavor will be imparted if the IPC reported through the $D/IC\ Staff$. I do not agree. Budget concerns, and the voice of the collection program managers need to be leavened by a strong voice from the producers. The IPC as currently structured provides this opportunity for the first time, but only so long as we remain a body of producers only, separate from the IC Staff and the collection committees.

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R. E. Hineman

Strongly concur.
Rq.

I agree

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